Incentives for agriculture

417. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Economic Times dated the 27th June, 1991 to the effect that loan waiver scheme to be reviewed and incentives for agriculture to be provided and if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the productivity per hectare is reduced day-by-day owing to land logging and salinity and absence of adequate research to produce new varieties suitable to tropical countries; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to rectify imbalance?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) Yes, Sir. The working of the Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief Scheme is monitored regularly by the Reserve Bank of India and the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development. There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to make any changes in the scheme. There is also no proposal under consideration for providing further incentives for agriculture.

(b) and (c) Productivity per hectare is low in water logging and salinity conditions. The various All India Crops Improvement Projects are continuously evolving new varieties of crops suitable to various Agro-climatic conditions in the country.

418. [*Transferred to the 30th July, 1991*]

Deceleration in Farm Jobs

419. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Times of India dated the Ist May, 1991 undr heading "Farm Jobs Decelerate" and if so, what is Government's reaction in regard to the analysis of the present contribution by agriculture to economy as well as employment; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to rectify the imbalance in the contribution by the agriculture sector and the manufacture sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Trends of contri- by Agriculture to total Gross Domestic Product (GDP) as well as employment are in tune with the development process. In the developing economy, share of agriculture in the national income as also workers employed in Agriculture will have to come down over the years. However, in India, there has been only marginal decline in the proportion of workers engaged in agriculture.

(b) The Government propose to create more non-farm employment opportunities through development of small and agro-based industries in the rural sector to shift the burden of population from agriculture to non-agriculture sector.

420. [*Transferred to the 25th July, 1991*]

.. .... Krishi Vigyan Kendras ....

421. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras working in the country under Private management and also

those under state or Agriculture university management?

THE MINITESR OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): Sir, 27 Krishi Vigyan Kendras are working under private management and 64 under State Agricultural Universities.

Krishi Vigyan Kendras in Andhra Pradesh

422. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any proposals received from Andhra Pradesh Agriculture University to start Krishi Vigyan Kendras in the State; and

(b) if so, at what stage of consideration are these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposals have not yet been considered because of non-availability of funds.

Drip Irrigation system

423. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state what is the extent of land under drip Irrigation system, what steps are being taken to encourage drip irrigation in different Stages?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA): Presently about 21,000 ha. of land is under drip irrigation. A Centrally Soonsored Schemes for encouraging irrigation through the use of sprinkler, drip system etc. is in operation since 1982-83 and is being continued in 1991-92 also. Under the Scheme 50 per cent matching central assistance is given to State Governments towards subsidy to the farmers against the proposals received from the States. The rates of subsidy are 25 per cent for small farmers, 33-ET cmf cmfwym nal farmers, 50 per cent for scheduled caste and scheduled tribe farmers, and for community/cooperative schemes belonging to small and marginal farmers.

भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद द्वारा बीजों की नई किस्मों का विकास

424. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद द्वारा गत 10 वर्षों के दौरान धान, गेहूं और आलू की कितनी नयी किस्में विकसित की गयी हैं;

(ख) क्या इन बीजों से किसानों को हुए लाभ के बारे में कोई सर्वेक्षण किया गया है; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कि ये बीज देश में अधिकाधिक किसानों को उपलब्ध कराये जायें, क्या प्रभावी कदम उठाये गये हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० सी० लेंका): (क) महोदय, पिछले दस वर्षों के दौरान भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद् ने धान की 129 नयी किस्में तथा गेहूं की 67 था आलू की 7 किस्में विकसित की हैं ।

(ख) जी नहीं ।

(ग) केन्द्रीय राजकीय एजेंसियों जैसे भारतीय राजकीय फार्म निगम तथा राष्ट्रीय बीज निगम और राज्य बीज निगमों द्वारा प्रमाणित बीजों का बड़े पैमाने पर संवर्धन शुरु किया जा रहा है । उन्नत बीजों के मिनीकट, राष्ट्रीय प्रदर्शन, प्रयोगशाला से खेत तक कार्यक्रम, व्यावहारिक अनुसंधान प्रायोजनों तथा अग्र पंक्ति के प्रदर्शनों जैसे कार्यक्रमों के जरिए प्रचारित किया जाता है ।